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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled, and claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication claims 10-14 have been allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action that claims 2, 7 and 8 would be allowable, if amended, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 2 has been rewritten into independent to include the features of base claim 1. Thus, new independent claim 2 is now allowable.

In addition, it is submitted that each of claims 7 and 8 have been rewritten into independent form to include the features of base claim 6. Therefore, new independent claims 7 and 8 are allowable, and claim 9 is allowable by its dependency on claims 7 and 8.

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As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner sets forth the following rejections:

1) claims 1, 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Page (U.S. Patent No. 5,107,189); and

2) claims 3-5 stand rejected over 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ferreira (U.S. Patent No. 4,701,787).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 3:

Independent claim 3, as amended, now calls for *a variable bias circuit for changing a level of the bias voltage that is added in the preamplifier circuit in accordance with the video signal that is either a video signal related to a still image or a video signal related to a moving image.*

With regard to claim 3, the Examiner asserts that Ferreira discloses a preamplifier circuit TR1; an output circuit TR12 for amplifying power of the signal that is delivered from the preamplifier circuit through resistor R44; and a variable bias circuit (diodes D1-D4 and

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potentiometer P2) for changing a level of the bias voltage that is added in the preamplifier circuit TR1.

However, it is respectfully submitted that Ferreira fails to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 3, as amended, concerning *a variable bias circuit for changing a level of the bias voltage that is added in the preamplifier circuit in accordance with the video signal that is either a video signal related to a still image or a video signal related to a moving image.*

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

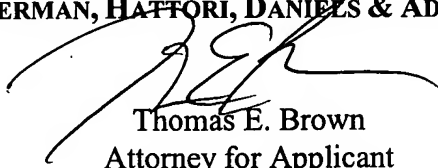
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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